

Application Number 09/820,398
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A system comprising:

a data storage device accessible via a network and having franchisor end-user approved product information stored in a first memory;

an franchisor end-user network interface by which an franchisor end-user can communicate with the data storage device via the network and approve the product information;

a franchisee sub-end-user network interface providing network access by a franchisee sub-end-user to the franchisor end-user approved product information for selecting a product and ordering thea selected product and by which a product orders can be stored in a second memory, wherein the product selecting and ordering by the franchisee sub-end-user is based upon the approved product information of the franchisor end-user; and

a third party network interface providing a third party access to the product orders stored within the second memory and by which the third party manages access of the franchisor end-user approved product information by the franchisee sub-end-user, wherein the third party network interface also permits the third party to communicate a product order to a manufacturer via the network; and

a manufacturer network interface by which the manufacturer can communicate with the data storage device via the network to process the received product order in accordance with the approved product information.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Cancelled).

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Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 13, wherein the manufacturer network interface further permits the manufacturer to review and ~~process~~ product orders, update job status, and communicate with the third party via the network.

Claim 5 (Cancelled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1, wherein the franchisor ~~end-user~~ network interface further permits the franchisor ~~end-user~~ to create and modify new programs with specified product information.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 6, wherein the franchisor ~~end-user~~ network interface further permits the franchisor ~~end-user~~ to manipulate the franchisor ~~end-user~~ approved product information stored in the first memory.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 7, further including a custom image gallery stored as franchisor ~~end-user~~ approved product information within the first memory of the data storage device.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1, ~~further comprising a manufacturer network interface by which the manufacturer can communicate with the data storage device via the network,~~ wherein the franchisee ~~sub-end-user~~ network interface, the third party network interface, the manufacturer network interface and the franchisor ~~end-user~~ network interface are browser based web page interfaces stored on the data storage device and that are accessible via the network.

Claim 10 (Original): The system of claim 9, wherein the data storage device is accessible via a public internet.

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Claim 11 (Withdrawn): A method of ordering a product by a sub-end-user based upon end-user approved product information provided to the sub-end-user, the method comprising the steps of:

- providing access via a network to a third party for specifying products associated with the third party;

- providing access via the network to an end-user for approving one or more of the products specified by the third party and for electronically building an electronic catalog of product information associated with the approved products;

- providing access via the network to a sub-end-user for permitted reviewing of the electronic catalog having product information of at least one product that is approved by the end-user;

- the sub-end-user selecting a product from the electronic catalog and making a product order based upon product information that is approved by the end-user;

- providing access via the network to the third party for retrieving the sub-end-user product order; and

- the third party submitting the product order to a product manufacturer.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 11, further including the step of the providing access to the third party for building the electronic catalog with the end-user.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 11, wherein the sub-end-user selects and makes its product order via a network interface that includes access to the electronic product information, and wherein the product order is communicated to the third party from the network interface.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 13, wherein the third party accesses the product order via a second network interface and submits the product order to a manufacturer via the network.

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Claim 15 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 14, wherein the third party also reviews the product order for any product material and services that are supplied by the third party.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 15, wherein the third party specifies at least one commercial material sold by the third party to be utilized by the manufacturer in making the ordered product.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 16, wherein the manufacturer issues a notice to the third party certifying compliance of manufacture with the specifications communicated to it by the third party.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 17, wherein the third party begins warranty coverage of the manufactured product based upon the inclusion of commercial material of the third party.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 18, wherein the manufacturer issues the notice to the third party via the network, and the third party accesses the notice via the second network interface.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 19, wherein at least one communication provided via the network is a communication across a public network.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1, wherein the third party network interface electronically receives product information that specifies products associated with the third party and the franchisor~~end-user~~ approves one or more of the products to be used by the franchisee~~sub-end-user~~.

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Claim 22 (Withdrawn): A network-based system comprising:
a third party interface to electronically receive product information that specifies products associated with a third party;
a franchisor interface for receiving input from a franchisor to approve one or more of the products to be used by one or more franchisees; and
a franchisee interface providing the franchisees access to a portion of the product information for ordering one or more of the products approved by the franchisor.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn): The network-based system of claim 22, wherein the third party network interface provides the third party access to product orders from the franchisees, and permits the third party to communicate the product orders to a manufacturer via the network.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn): The network-based system of claim 22,
wherein the franchisor interface allows the franchisor to create a program for use by the franchisees, and
wherein the program specifies the products approved by the franchisor and lists specifications associated with the approved products.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1, wherein the third party network interface and the franchisor ~~end-user~~ network interface allow the third party and the franchisor ~~end-user~~ to build an electronic catalog of product information associated with the franchisor ~~end-user~~ approved product information.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 25,
wherein the franchisee ~~sub-end-user~~ interface provides the franchisee ~~sub-end-user~~ with access to the electronic catalog of product information for making a product order, and
wherein the system communicates the product order to the third party from the franchisee ~~sub-end-user~~ interface.

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Claim 27 (Previously presented): The system of claim 1, wherein the third party network interface permits the third party to review the product order for any product material and services that are supplied by the third party.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 12, wherein the third party network interface permits the third party to specify at least one commercial material sold by the third party to be utilized by the manufacturer in making the ordered product.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 12, wherein the third party network interface permits the third party to receive a notice from the manufacturer certifying compliance of manufacture with specifications communicated to the manufacturer by the third party.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 12, wherein the third party network interface permits the third party to begin warranty coverage of a manufactured product based upon inclusion of commercial material of the third party.

Claim 31 (Cancelled).

Claim 32 (Cancelled).

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 131,
wherein the franchisor network interface allows the franchisor to create a program for use by the franchisees, and
wherein the program specifies the products approved by the franchisor and lists specifications associated with the approved products.